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SUBJECT: TENTATIVE ALTERNATE SCENARIOS FOR PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO
LIBERIA

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1. AT A MEETING OF THE U.S./GOL JOINT WORKING GROUP MARCH
11, SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON TWO ALTERNATE
SCENARIOS FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO BE CONSIDERED
BY THE PRE-ADVANCE GROUP ON MARCH 21. THE FIRST SCENARIO
WOULD INVOLVE ONLY A STOP AT ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL AIR-
PORT. THE SECOND WOULD INCLUDE A VISIT TO NEARBY
BENTOL, SEAT OF MONTSERRADO COUNTY AND BIRTHPLACE OF
PRESIDENT TOLBERT.

2. THE FIRST SCENARIO IS AS FOLLOWS:

APRIL 3, 1978

10:20 A.M. ARRIVE ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD GOL
CHIEF OF PROTOCOL LEONARD DESHIELD AND
AMBASSADOR AND MRS. W. BEVERLY CARTER
BOARD THE AIRCRAFT TO INFORM PRESIDENT AND
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MRS. CARTER THAT PRESIDENT AND MRS.
TOLBERT ARE WAITING TO WELCOME THEM.

PRESIDENT AND MRS. CARTER DESCEND THE RAMP
FOLLOWED BY AMBASSADOR AND MRS. CARTER
AND AMBASSADOR DESHIELD.

AT THE FOOT OF THE RAMP, PRESIDENT AND MRS. CARTER ARE GREETED BY PRESIDENT AND MRS. TOLBERT, AND BY ONE OF PRESIDENT TOLBERT'S GRAND-DAUGHTERS WHO WILL PRESENT PRESIDENT AND MRS. CARTER WITH BOUQUETS OF FLOWERS. PRESIDENT TOLBERT WILL INTRODUCE THE GOL MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND MRS. C. CECIL DENNIS, JR. TO PRESIDENT AND MRS. MRS. CARTER.

PRESIDENT TOLBERT WILL ESCORT PRESIDENT CARTER TO THE REVIEWING STAND. MRS. TOLBERT WILL ESCORT MRS. CARTER TO A POINT ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE REVIEWING STAND.

MEMBERS OF THE U.S. DELEGATION WILL BE ESCORTED BY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND MRS. DENNIS AND AMBASSADOR AND MRS. CARTER TO A POINT DIRECTLY BEHIND THE REVIEWING STAND.

FULL HONORS CEREMONY: A 21-GUN SALUTE WILL BE GIVEN SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE PLAYING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEMS. THE COMMANDER OF THE GUARD OF HONOR WILL THEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INVITE PRESIDENT CARTER, ACCOMPANIED BY PRESIDENT TOLBERT, TO INSPECT THE GUARD OF HONOR.

AFTER INSPECTION OF THE GUARD OF HONOR, PRESIDENT TOLBERT WILL ESCORT PRESIDENT CARTER ONTO THE REVIEWING STAND FOR THE MARCH PASS.

AFTER THE MARCH PASS, THE TWO PRESIDENTS WILL PROCEED TO THE PODIUM SITUATED BEFORE THE ASSEMBLED OFFICIALS AND DIPLOMATS, AND THE PUBLIC. SIMULTANEOUSLY, THE GOL FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR WILL ESCORT THE TWO OFFICIAL PARTIES TO A POINT ADJACENT TO THE PODIUM.

10:40 A.M. WELCOME REMARKS BY PRESIDENT TOLBERT WITH RESPONSE BY PRESIDENT CARTER.

PRESIDENT TOLBERT WILL ESCORT PRESIDENT CARTER FROM THE PODIUM, INTRODUCE HIM TO

THE ASSEMBLED OFFICIALS AND DIPLOMATS AND
CONDUCT HIM TO THE PRESIDENTIAL LOUNGE
FOR DISCUSSIONS.

10:45 A.M. DISCUSSION BETWEEN PRESIDENTS AND
SELECTED AIDES.

12:15 - 1:40P.M. LUNCHEON AT THE PRESIDENTIAL LOUNGE IN
HONOR OF PRESIDENT AND MRS. CARTER. A
BUFFET LUNCHEON WILL BE SERVED SEPARATELY
IN HONOR OF THE MEMBERS OF THE U.S.
DELEGATION AND LIBERIAN OFFICIALS IN THE
LOUNGE OF THE NEW TERMINAL BUILDING.

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1:45 - 1:55 P.M. DEPARTURE CEREMONIES

2:00 P.M. WHEELS UP

LADIES SCHEDULE: WHILE THE PRESIDENTS ARE HOLDING
DISCUSSIONS, MRS. TOLBERT WILL MEET SEPARATELY WITH
MRS. CARTER IN THE FORMER PRESIDENTIAL LOUNGE
(ADJACENT). FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS (TO WHICH OTHER
PROMINENT LIBERIAN LADIES WILL BE INVITED) NATIONAL
CULTURAL TROUPE WILL PERFORM.

3. THE SECOND SCENARIO IS AS FOLLOWS:

TRIP TO BENTOL CITY: (THIS SCENARIO WILL BE IDENTICAL TO
SCENARIO ONE THROUGH THE INTRODUCTION OF PRESIDENT CARTER
BY PRESIDENT TOLBERT TO THE ASSEMBLED OFFICIALS AND
DIPLOMATS.)

11:00 A.M. DRIVE TO BENTOL, PASS THROUGH THE
FIRESTONE PLANTATION AND THE VOA TRANS-
MITTER SITE EN ROUTE.

11:30 - 12:30 P.M. CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENTS

12:30 - 12:45 P.M. RELAXATION BEFORE LUNCH

12:45 - 2:00 P.M. LUNCH

2:00 - 2:40 P.M. DRIVE FROM BENTOL TO RIA

2:40 - 2:50 P.M. DEPARTURE CEREMONIES

3:00 P.M. WHEELS UP
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LADIES' SCHEDULE: THE LADIES' SCHEDULE WILL INCLUDE
VISITS IN BENTOL CITY TO THE YOUTH CENTER, CULTURAL
FACTORY AND INDIGENT CHILDREN'S HOME, PLUS SUBSTANTIVE
DISCUSSIONS AT HOME OF COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT SMITH.
CARTER

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